

NEW CONSTITUTION FAILS TO SHUT HUNS

Germans, Weary at War
Revelations, Alarmed at
Business Outlook.

APPEALING TO AMERICA

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BERLIN, August 2.—It is significant of Germany's low morale that not the slightest interest has been aroused by the adoption of the new compromise constitution. This, although the government tried to keep up appearances by ordering that flags be flown out everywhere, and that the holiday be celebrated with that fitting ceremonies be held to celebrate this important event in German history.

There is no day now without its revelation as to who should bear the blame for beginning the war. These revelations are beginning to make people weary, for most Germans now regard them as purely manufactured material for the elections to the new reichstag.

Revelations Are Useful.

Still the revelations have served a useful purpose in discrediting the militarists and nationalists in the eyes of the masses. The old guard is probably down and out for a long time, while the young republic is correspondingly consolidated and strengthened. These revelations have paved the way for the expected re-entry into power of the disgruntled democrats and have given the government a sound basis for the great problems of reconstruction that confront them.

Meanwhile, almost every German business man one meets hopes, solicits or begs for help from America. Americans predict freely that Germany will go to smash and drag all Europe to ruin with it unless financial aid economic aid comes quickly. These predictions have made the captains of industry and leaders of finance morbidly pessimistic as to the immediate future. They say that only America can save Germany from catastrophe, although they indulge in little self hope that she will come to their aid.

Pessimistic About America.

Many Germans who harbored the delusion that America has been rather a pliant enemy must have discovered that America took the war seriously after they had dismissed it as a "little war" which would not affect the German business world. This position is further strengthened by the failure of the immediate invasion of Germany by crowds of Americans.

RUSSIAN BOLSHIEVIKS END WAR ON ESTHONIA

By the Associated Press.
LONDON, August 2.—Communities between the Russian bolshieviks and the Estonian republics have been stopped, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

M. Zinovief, governor of Petrograd, according to this dispatch, stated at a recent meeting of the Petrograd Soviet that Russia intended to end the war against Esthonia as soon as the frontiers of the Baltic states were secured. Zinovief had been released.

REPUBLICAN PROTECTIVE TARIFF PASSES HOUSE

The first republican protective tariff measure acted upon since the republican regime came into control was passed by the House yesterday. The bill was introduced by Representative Bingham of New Jersey. It levies duties on various articles of glass, optical and laboratory glassware and apparatus and surgical instruments.

CRIMINAL SUIT IN N. J. WILL TEST "WAR DRY"

TRENTON, N. J., August 2.—To determine the constitutionality of the war-time prohibition act a criminal information was filed in the United States district court here today against the Feigenbaum Brewing Company of Newark, charged with the manufacture of beer containing alcohol in excess of 2 per cent. The company will be required to plead before Judge Davis in Newark next Wednesday.

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30,000 Estimated to Have
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Last Ten Days.

Wagons piled high with watermelons and men and boys shouting the familiar "red, ripe watermelons, red to the rind, nice and sweet and plump every time," is a combination that is pleasing to both the old and the young.

There was very little seen of the melon last year, when prices put the popular fruit beyond reach of the average buyer, and it was feared the high prices had come to stay, but large shipments this season have brought the prices to where they were before the war—anywhere from a quarter to a dollar apiece.

Many Buyers on Sunday.

"It is astonishing to find so many individual buyers here, especially on Sundays," remarked the superintendent of the market yesterday. "Also, the wholesale trade is very active."

It is estimated that fully 30,000 melons arrived at the river front the last ten days, approximately 14,000 of them reaching here Friday. Friday's prices were far above those at which melons sold yesterday. Melons of thirty-pound grade brought from \$40 to \$75 a hundred, while the twenty-pound grade sold at from \$20 to \$25, and stocky some dealers cut loose their medium stock at \$15.

On the wharf yesterday were numerous small boys of the barefooted type, who, in the excitement of the front looking for a "pick-up," whether it be in the watermelon, crab or fish line, and the eyes of some of the children were fixed on the melons. It was up to them to solve the high-cost-of-living problem.

Dropping Was Accidental.

"Lemme see one of you all drop a watermelon," said a little boy to a stalwart man towing melons in a wagon, who, in response, threw one of the melons, which he dropped. The boy, who was looking at the melons, said: "I wouldn't have dropped it had it not been for the hungry looking boys hanging round."

EMIGRATION TIDE SWELLS.

17,393 Aliens Left the United States During April.

The tide of emigration of aliens from the United States has been steadily swelling during the present year, according to the Monthly Labor Review. Figures compiled for April show that 17,393 emigrant aliens left the United States during that month. Immigration of aliens into the United States during the month of April exceeded that of any month since May, 1917, the month the United States declared war on Germany, immigration to this country showed a decided decline and has only within the past three months become nearly normal.

OWN AIR FIELDS, U. S. URGED.

Representative Points to Handicap in Present System.

Government ownership of flying fields in this country was urged by Representative La Guardia of New York, formerly a major in the air service with the Italian army, testifying yesterday before the House committee investigating air expenditures. Mr. La Guardia said that most of the fields now used are leased and prepared by the government at great expense.

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CARDINAL GIBBONS LAUDS SACRAMENTAL WINE PLAN

Sends Letter to Bishops Expressing Satisfaction Over Commissioner Roper's Aid.

BALTIMORE, Md., August 2.—Cardinal Gibbons announced today that he had sent to Catholic bishops of this country a letter, in which he expressed his deep satisfaction at the co-operation given by Commissioner Roper of the internal revenue bureau in adjusting the regulations for securing wine for sacramental use.

In his letter the cardinal said that as the result of a conference between Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, bishop of Rochester, N. Y., and Commissioner Roper and Deputy Commissioner Gay, a plan, approved by the commissioner of internal revenue, was made, eliminating several conditions which were regarded as unnecessary and impracticable.

The plan approved by the commissioner is that the bishop of each diocese shall name an official, whose name and address shall be filed with the collector of internal revenue for the district. It will be the duty of the diocesan official to approve every order for altar wine from that diocese. This order is to be made in duplicate form and after approval a copy is to be sent to the vendor of the wine and one copy returned to the purchaser to be kept by him as a matter of record.

NC-4 MAY FLY TO PACIFIC.

Senator Phelan Makes Announcement After Talk With Mr. Daniels.

Senator Phelan of California announced yesterday after a conference with Secretary Daniels that the naval seaplane NC-4, the first aircraft to cross the Atlantic ocean, might attempt a flight to the Pacific coast, in order that the people of the Pacific coast might have an opportunity of seeing it.

Plan Flight to Texas.

PORTLAND, Maine, August 2.—The NC-4 early in September will start from Portland for a cruise to Galveston, Texas, according to an announcement today at the Navy recruiting station here. The seaplane will be accompanied by the Isabel, a converted packet, and will be anchored for exhibition at the principal coast cities. She will be under command of Lieut. Commander C. C. Head, who directed the NC-4's flight across the Atlantic.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

The Kansas City Club has chartered a boat for a canal trip to Great Falls next Saturday. The starting point will be Georgetown at 2:15 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from Miss Mary Ganley, 1811 Kenyon street, or Miss Ethel Orput, Wardman Park Hotel.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will hold a lawn party for the benefit of St. Ann's Hospital yesterday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. at Washington circle, tomorrow, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. There is to be on the program each night a band concert, dancing and other features.

Several of the larger retail merchants have donated prizes for the athletic events scheduled for the annual excursion of the Night Watchmen's Association, to be held at Chesapeake Beach, Tuesday. The fund raised by the sale of tickets is applied to the sick and death benefit fund of the association.

MR. BAKER WILL TESTIFY.

Federal Trade Commission to Continue Electric Railway Hearings.

Hearings on the condition of electric street railways in cities throughout the country will be resumed tomorrow at the Federal Trade Commission offices, before the Federal Electric Railway Commission appointed by President Wilson. Secretary Baker and other government officials will testify this week and members of cities interested in solving the traction problem will be heard by the commission.

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D. C. GIRL TOLD HOW HUNS TOOK BELGIAN CONVENT

Miss Augusta Edwards, Former Student, Gets Letter From Sister in Charge.

Miss Augusta Edwards of 3115 Hiatt place, formerly a student at the Ursuline Convent at Thildonck, Belgium, which fell into the hands of Germans when they entered Louvain and Brussels on August 19, 1914, has received a letter from Sister Ambrosine, head of the convent. Sister Ambrosine explains that she opened the door to the Germans when they took over the institution, which still stands.

"A frightful battle raged around us for three days in September, 1914," she wrote. "The newest and finest part of the convent was badly damaged. It was a weird sensation to be in the house while it was being bombarded. The place was full of wounded after the battle. They lay about everywhere, and many of them died before we had time to get them into beds. Later, when the Germans began the search for shells, the whole general staff was in the convent, and it was there that Antwerp surrendered to them."

"Since then the convent has given hospitality to a large number of refugees from the fighting front, and they have stayed here as Belgians." Sister Ambrosine went from Belgium to England some months after the outbreak of the war, and in a letter to her former pupils in England said, in part:

"Thildonck was the scene of a sharp encounter on the 18th, 19th and 20th of September, 1914; on the third day we sustained a fierce cannonade. For fully five hours shells fell upon the convent, causing much damage, but, happily, there was no loss of life, for most of the inhabitants sought safety in the cellars. It will rejoice your dear, kind hearts to know that, although damaged, the convent still stands, and we have never been obliged to leave."

MARKETING COMMITTEE PREDICTS CHEAPER FOOD

Kenyon-Anderson Parking Bill Expected to Bring Relief in Produce Cost.

Cheaper food as the result of the passage of the Kenyon-Anderson parking bill, through its encouragement of direct producer-to-consumer trading, is foreseen by the national marketing committee, recently organized in Washington.

Former Representative William Kent, as president of the committee, in a statement issued today, points out the importance of section 14 of the Kenyon-Anderson bill, under which local communities are encouraged to establish warehouses, abattoirs or stockyards. Producers would be able to ship their products direct to these warehouses, from which they would be distributed to city buyers.

BOLSHEVIKI COMMUNIQUE.

Begin an Advance in Region of Astrakhan.

LONDON, August 2 (By the Associated Press).—The following bolshevik official communication, dated Friday, dealing with the operations on the north Russian front, was received here today:

"We have advanced twenty-seven miles northward of Omsk. The advance apparently is along the Gulf of Omsk."

PETROGRAD'S POPULATION DECREASED 60 PER CENT

OMSK, Saturday, July 19 (By Russian Telegraphic Agency).—Petrograd's population, which was more than two million in 1914, has decreased under bolshevik rule to 800,000, according to documents and newspapers taken from bolshevik prisoners here today. Moscow's population was shown to have been diminished by 40 per cent.

Statistics on production showed that the union of workers of the Moscow metal industry, which had 18,000 members before the bolshevik revolt, now has only 6,000 members. Workmen of the Putiloff iron works, according to these documents, who received 96,000,000 rubles in wages during a recent period, produced in that time material valued at only 15,000,000 rubles.

RECORD EXPORTS FROM U. S. IN YEAR TO JUNE 30

Exports from the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30 reached the record-breaking total of \$7,228,084,257, the Department of Commerce reported today, against \$5,919,711,371, the record in 1918. For June alone the exports amounted to \$918,252,143.

The net trade balance in favor of the United States for the year, on the total of \$3,096,876,688 announced for imports during the fiscal year, was \$4,129,207,675.

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